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February 12, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1332
RELATING TO IRRIGATION

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Tsuji, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB is in strong support of HB 1332, which appropriates moneys for maintenance and improvements to the Peekauai ditch irrigation system.

The repair and maintenance of our irrigation systems is critical because our farmers and ranchers depend on these irrigation systems for their operations. Water availability is a basic necessity for farmers and ranchers to maintain and expand their production, particularly in times of drought manifested on many islands as a result of a changing climate. Moreover, a reliable water supply is a key factor when Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are making decisions to start new or to expand existing operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1332.

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Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tsuji ~ apologies for this late testimony. I wish to support this bill. I am hoping for the best ~ that your committee pasted Pe`e Ditch ~ another legacy irrigation system component out of your committee. Mahalo to Representative Morikawa for introducing HB 1332.

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